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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1021

Introduced by: Representatives Feinstein, Blake, Cutler, Feickert, and Thompson and
Senators Heidepriem and Knudson

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Travis Shafer, Zach Avre, and Ali Pearson
from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as finalists for the Merit
Scholarship Awards.

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for
recognition and scholarships that began in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Travis Shafer, Zach Avre, and Ali Pearson, Washington High School seniors,
were named as finalists in the 2010 Merit Scholarship Program Competition; and

WHEREAS, these three individuals have displayed remarkable knowledge and critical
reading, mathematics, and writing skills, as well as great individual effort and initiative, which
will benefit them well in the pursuit of their personal, educational, and life goals; and

WHEREAS, each received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding
academic promise; and

WHEREAS, these students have excelled academically by meeting high academic standards
and have been selected out of one and one-half million other entrants to advance to finalist
status, whereby they join an elite group representing the nation's best and brightest high school
students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the
State of South Dakota, that Travis Shafer, Zach Avre, and Ali Pearson be congratulated on being
selected as finalists in the 2010 Merit Scholarship Competition.